

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 450

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Ryan Rhue of Briarcrest Christian High School upon being named *The Commercial Appeal's* 2006-2007 First Tennessee Academic All-Star for Music.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to salute those young citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as emerging community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ryan Rhue, an esteemed student at Briarcrest Christian High School, has been duly recognized as *The Commercial Appeal's* 2006-2007 First Tennessee Academic All-Star in the subject area of Music; and

WHEREAS, in its inaugural year, *The Commercial Appeal's* First Tennessee Academic All-Stars program spotlights standout students in the newspaper and honors them for their dedication to academics, school leadership, and community service; and

WHEREAS, since the all-star program's September inception, principals from fifty Memphis area schools have nominated nearly 600 exceptional students for participation; from those 600 students, ten were chosen to the all-star program, each of them having excelled in a particular subject area; and

WHEREAS, a well-rounded student, Ryan Rhue has achieved excellence in academics, the arts, and community service; he is a four-year member of the Briarcrest Singers, which he has served as a choir officer and a section leader, and a six-time member of the All-Southwest Tennessee Honor Choir; and

WHEREAS, the talented Mr. Rhue was twice selected to the Tennessee All-State Honor Choir; he was also selected for the University of Tennessee Honor Choir and the Tennessee Governor's School for the Arts; and

WHEREAS, a leader among his peers, Mr. Rhue has performed all over the world, including at Carnegie Hall in New York City, San Francisco, France, Spain, and Switzerland; he has performed a Master Class with Weston Noble, professor emeritus of Luther College, and Craig Jessop, the director of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Rhue is as dedicated to academics as he is to the arts; in addition to his musical endeavors, he has ably maintained a ranking in the top five percent of his graduating class and is a National Merit Commended Student; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depends, in great measure, on the dedication of young people like Mr. Ryan Rhue who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Rhue is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Ryan Rhue of Briarcrest Christian High School upon his selection as *The Commercial Appeal's* 2006-2007 First Tennessee Academic All-Star in the subject area of Music, recognize his outstanding record of volunteerism, leadership, academic and musical prowess, and community spirit, and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success in all of his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.